

project site which monitor the radio-activity level in areas both inside and outside the operating nuclear power stations and carry out regular radiological surveys. The environmental survey laboratory (ESL) takes nearly 2000 samples of water, air, soil, goat, thyroid, fish, milk etc. to cover the entire Flora and Fauna, every year. With nearly 120 full power reactor years of operation in India, the ESLs have established that radio-activity from nuclear power plants is too insignificant to cause any effect on the public and environment at large. These laboratories are functioning under the control of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and are independent of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited which operates these power stations.

Problems of N.E. Region

2251. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since worked out any comprehensive and well-integrated package of programme to deal with the special problems of the North Eastern region, particularly the regional disparity in the economic development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). Planning and Development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose is primarily the responsibility of State Government. North Eastern States are already receiving priority attention from Government of India to meet their economic development needs in order to meet regional disparity and to take care of specific problems.

JRY

2252. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in Allahabad district block-wise and year-wise during the last three years; and

(b) the number of man-days for which employment was offered in each block during each of the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Year-wise Central release of funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

(JRY) to Allahabad district during to the last three years, is as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
1993-94	2126.45
1994-95	2385.70
1995-96	2402.29

Funds are not released to the blocks under the JRY.

(b) Block-wise employment generation under JRY is not monitored at the Central level.

[Translation]

Generation of Power from Sea waves

2253. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for generation of power from sea waves;

(b) whether any assistance is being sought for this purpose from World Bank; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). There is a proposal from a Swedish firm for setting up a Wave Energy Power Plant of 1 MW capacity on Build, Own and Operate (B-O-O) basis off the coast of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, at an estimated cost of US \$ three million and at a cost of Rs. six per kwh. In view of the high unit cost of the proposal, further details have been called for. The Government have so far not sought any assistance from the World Bank for this proposal.

Approval to Delhi Projects

2254. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the projects of Delhi sent to the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation for their approval;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which approval is likely to be given to these projects and the reasons, if any, for delay therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). The details of the projects of Delhi sent to the

Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation and the progress in their regard are as follows :

- (i) Sanitation and Garbage removal to combat the growing insanitation in the city of Delhi, particularly the unauthorised colonies (1300 Nos. with population of about 20 lakhs).
- (ii) Construction of 14 Sewage Treatment Plants and Pumping stations for abatement of pollution in River Yamuna as per the directive of the Supreme Court.
- (iii) Free DTC passes to students of ITIs for inclusion in the Annual Plan 1995-96.
- (iv) the various Health Sector Projects which have been agreed to in principle by the Planning Commission relate to (a) Neuro-Surgery Units in DDU Hospital, GTB Hospital and LNJP Hospital (B) Grant-in-aid to St. John Ambulance Brigade (c) Establishment of State Drug Authority and Central Procurement Agency (d) Establishment of State Health Education Bureau (e) Opening of 70 dispensaries/health clinics (f) Opening up of 5 peripheral hospitals (g) Setting up of Directorate of ISM and Homoeopathy (h) Research Centre for Modernise Promotion of Ayurveda and Traditional Medicines.

In respect of some other Health Projects such as improvement of blood transfusion services, establishment of state medical council, establishment of Homoeopathic Hospital at Karampura, Emergent Provision of Primary Health Care Facilities in J.J. Clusters through mobile Dispensaries, the Government of NCT of Delhi has been requested to obtain the clearance of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and also have been asked to submit the revised comprehensive proposals.

- (v) Financial Assistance to Sick Cooperative Banks.

The Annual Plan discussions for 1996-97 would consider those of the above schemes, which can be included in the Plan.

[English]

Report of Transperancy International

2255. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that India has been ranked as seventh corrupt country as per Transperancy International Report of Non-Government Agency of Germany; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The Government of India in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions have not received any report of Transperancy International a non-Government agency, ranking India as the seventh corrupt country. Therefore, the Government have no comments to offer.

Adamtilla and Bashkandi Power Projects

2256. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that gas turbine projects for generation of power at "Adamtilla" and "Bashkandi" in Southern Assam are yet to be completed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which these are expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Abduction of Journalists

2257. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the extremist outfit captivated about twenty journalists in Kashmir, recently;

(b) if so, the details alongwith their names;

(c) the reasons for their abduction and the demand of the extremists; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for their secure release?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). As per information made available by the State Government about 19 journalists and photographers representing the local, national and international media were allegedly stopped and detained while proceeding from Srinagar to Aachabal, Anantnag for a press conference on 8.7.1996,